

Dear Friends of Lake City,

It's that time of year to check up on our neighbors and community organizations in preparation for building a better Lake City for 2024 and beyond.

With our new non-profit Partners we want to facilitate philanthropic giving to strengthen these organizations, and we are able to provide a venue for you to donate to the well-being of our community in the areas of health, education, recreation, emergency services and the arts.

The list of this year's projects includes the Arts' String Academy, EMS Continuing Education, Dark Skies lampposts, a new snowmobile for Search and Rescue (via the Ben Brownlee Fund) and tree planting in Memorial Park.

We invite you to browse the enclosed list of our Partners and consider making a tax-free donation to our Foundation, to specific organizations or to our Discretionary Fund. Your donation will help solve critical challenges of today and those in the future.

We wish you a happy holiday season and encourage you to remember the LFCF in your year-end giving.

Sincerely,

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LAKE FORK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

Discretionary Fund: This money is not earmarked for a specific fund or agency. These funds are tapped by our granting process for small groups that find themselves coming up short on funds or for last minute projects. As always, we find this fund coming up short compared to the requests that are made of it. Please help fill the coffers!

Lake Fork Memorial Park Fund: This fund started the Foundation! It is used to provide a local match for grants and continuing improvements to the Town of Lake City Park and Memorial Park

Roger Coursey Scholarship Fund: This fund was established to honor the memory of Hinsdale County Sheriff Roger Coursey, who was killed in the line of duty. This is a very popular source of help for our local high school graduates and is in need of replenishment.

LFCF Endowment Fund: This is the fund that provides security for the future of the Foundation. This money is invested through Western Colorado Community Foundation and returns are steady, even in economic downturns.

Ben Brownlee Memorial Fund: Ben Brownlee was a passionate hiker and outdoorsman who died in a climbing accident on October 3, 2020 in the remote San Juan mountains of Hinsdale County near the town of Lake City, Colorado. This fund was established in his memory to properly equip and train the all-volunteer Hinsdale County Search & Rescue Team, Lake San Cristobal Peninsula Park and needs of other first responders. www.benbrownleememorialfund.com

LAKE FORK APPROVED PARTNERS (in accordance with IRS requirements)

ARTS

Lake City Arts Development Fund: Lake City Arts is all about supporting the arts and encouraging imagination in our community. It showcases local talent in both visual and performing arts, and brings in quality guest entertainers and teachers to broaden Lake City's exposure to the wide world of artistic expression. We provide funding and programs for all ages to explore creativity.. Find more at www.lakecityarts.org.

EDUCATION

Alpine Outdoor Association: Striving to educate the public and protecting the environment by promoting the safe use of the environment to minimize adverse environmental impact, the organization will make available educational and historical information unique to the area of all users consistent to environmental goals of preservation.

Brick by Brick Scholarship Fund: The building of community is dependent upon the younger generations building their futures. This scholarship is available to any Lake City graduate seeking to continue their education.

Build a Generation: A community-based process where programs and services are created for youth. Our Summer Youth Program is a proactive approach to teaching children ages 6-12 the importance of making healthy life choices to reduce the likelihood of developing negative behaviors later in life. Participants engage in daily life skills, environmental educational activities, physical fitness, extensive arts and crafts, and learn about community connectedness.

Lake City Community School Foundation: This program adds a critical financial foundation layer to support and sustain a strong and exceptional education system. Our current goal is to establish annual scholarships at Lake City Community School for teachers to further their professional development to expand their skills in their classrooms.

Washington DC School Trip: This trip provides a unique and invaluable opportunity for LCCS high school students, who hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year. A visit to our nation's capital is an educational and experimental trip of a lifetime for many.

Wee Care in Lake City: This priceless commodity provides child care and educational opportunities for pre-school students, setting them up for future success in their school years. This is a true local success story.

HEALTH and EMERGENCY SERVICES

Hinsdale County EMS: Hinsdale County EMS is a volunteer-based ambulance service responsible for the provision of emergency medical services within Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City. Our highest priorities are to retain our current volunteers by supporting educational opportunities, volunteer stipend program and the responder wellness program, as well as recruit and train new members of our team by hosting an EMT course beginning January 2024. hinsdalecounty.colorado.gov/emergency-medical-services-0

Lake City Medical Center Endowment Fund is putting your money to work for healthcare in Lake City through grants to the Lake Fork Health Service District, Silver Thread Public Health District, and Hinsdale County EMS.

Lake City Fire-Rescue is a volunteer organization consisting of 13 well-trained firefighters., having a total of 97 years of fire and rescue experience. Our current unfunded needs include 6 dry suits for use during swift water rescue operations. Estimated total cost is \$4,200.00. Our website address is www.lakecityfiredept.org.

COMMUNITY

Christian Community Service: An interdenominational ministry with the purpose of providing help on a temporary basis to anyone in the Lake City area who has basic or urgent needs, that often seem to “fall through the cracks”. CCS seeks to fulfill in practical ways the great commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40)

Friends of the Bears: This organization is dedicated to the reduction of bear-human conflict through community educational outreach projects and the use of Colorado Parks and Wildlife approved bear deterrents.

Friends of Lake City EMTs: This organization supports recruitment and retention of Lake City’s volunteer EMTs. It provides the annual EMT appreciation dinner, educational opportunities, personal protective equipment, team jackets and other incentives.

Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Library continue to support our wonderful public library. The FOL provide volunteer and financial support for the library summer reading program. The group also sorts book donations, as well as organizes and staffs the annual July Book Sale. Our future projects include the purchase of new computer chairs, helping with the purchase of LED lighting, and planting trees on the south Library lot.

H-Care (Hinsdale County Animal Rescue): HCARE continues their mission of providing aid to pets in need of emergency care. They also are able to provide help with fostering and placement of pets. HCARE also strives to promote awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

Hinsdale County: Hinsdale County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Search and Rescue (SAR) are focused on meeting the demand for services with increased tourism. Hinsdale County also accepts donations for veterans services and recreation sites.

Hinsdale County Historical Society: The Society operates the Hinsdale County Museum, preserving artifacts and archival materials documenting the history of the Lake City area. Other activities include Walking Tours of the Historic District, Cemetery Tours and the infamous Ghost Tours. In addition to day-to-day operations at the museum, the historical society is presently raising funds for the renovation of Car 211, a narrow gauge passenger and freight car which was used on the Lake City Branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in the 1910s and 20s. Find more at www.lakecitymuseum.com.

Hinsdale County Trails Commission: These enthusiastic volunteers are still busy tying together the trail system, running from Pete’s Lake to Lake San Cristobal.

Lake City DIRT (Downtown Improvement & Revitalization Team): DIRT oversees the Main Street program; hosts the annual Uncorked Wine and Music Festival; Lake City Blooms; The Hub a co-working location and works with area organizations, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce for community development. Find more info at www.lakecitydirt.com.

Lake City Stinger Band: Bands have played an historic role in Lake City and this latest incarnation was formed in 1997. Playing year-round at community events, the band is open to all musicians and guests. They need help updating their instruments and equipment. More at www.lakecityband.org.

Lake Fork Valley Conservancy: Their mission is to facilitate long term environmental sustainability in the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River valley through collaborative partnerships and actions that foster land conservation, ecosystem health, and community resiliency. Our main focus is development of the Slumgullion Center, located three miles south of Lake City. The Center will be used for conservation, research, and education purposes, where the public can learn about the unique geology and ecology of the Earthflow and San Juan Mountains, and become effective stewards of our valley. Learn more at www.lfvc.org.

San Juan Solstice: The San Juan Solstice Run has been supporting Lake City’s volunteer EMS since 2002. We provide nominal compensation to EMS team members and have established a scholarship program for graduating Lake City High School seniors. The SJS 50 mile race is very popular with ultra runners and provides a big boost to the Lake City Community in mid-June.

Town of Lake City Ice Climbs: Now in the 5th year of farming ice on the Lake City Ice Climbing Wall, one block south of town. The 100’ high wall has 10-15 routes which climbers can ascend with anchors on the farmed ice. The Town continues to work on an expansion of the wall just south of the main area on Henson Creek. There is no charge to climb! Keep up with conditions at Facebook.com/LakeCityIceClimbs.

Town of Lake City Ski Hill: Ride one of the oldest operating ski lifts in the country! Locals and visitors learn to ski in a supportive and invigorating environment. Rentals are included in the price of a lift ticket. Kids sharpen their racing skills with volunteer coaches. The Ski Hill has been in operation since 1966. Find more information at www.townoflakecity.co



Lake Fork Community Foundation
Donation Form
P.O. Box 322
Lake City, CO 81235

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Please make checks payable to LFCF or donate online at lakeforkcf.org (note your distribution choices)

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Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

May we publish your name as a donor? ____ Yes ____ No